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Media Release

The magnificent Melbourne Room of the Melbourne Conference and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) was alight on Saturday night as winners of the 2019 SPASA Victoria Awards of Excellence were announced.

With over 440 industry stakeholders in attendance, the SPASA Victoria Awards of Excellence Gala night is the largest industry event of its kind in Australia and the most anticipated industry event on the Victorian calendar.

A total of 39 Awards of Excellence categories made up the SPASA Victoria Awards of Excellence program, including major awards - **Product of the Year, Spa of the Year and Remco Pool of the Year.**

The 2019 Remco Pool of the Year was awarded to Laguna Pools, the 2019 Spa of the Year Award was awarded to Out From The Blue and the 2019 Product of the Year went to Sunbather for their CoolPv product.

For the first time ever, SPASA Victoria also recognised 'Industry Achievement' milestones, acknowledging organisations that have demonstrated longevity within the Victorian pool and spa industry – Sunbather 45 years, Albatross Swimming Pools (Aust) 50 years and Neptune Swimming Pools 60 years.

Expertly emceed by Australian media personality and former Australian rules football player Sam Kekovich, guests were treated to mid-show entertainment by Marcus 'Elvis' Jackson and cover band 'Unlimited'.

A total of 45 Gold and Highly Commended awards were presented to well deserving SPASA Victoria members.

CEO of SPASA Victoria, Chris Samartzis said, "This year's high number of award entrants again demonstrates excellence across the board and proves that SPASA Victoria members are true leaders within the national industry. Our high award entry numbers show healthy competition amongst our most passionate and talented members."

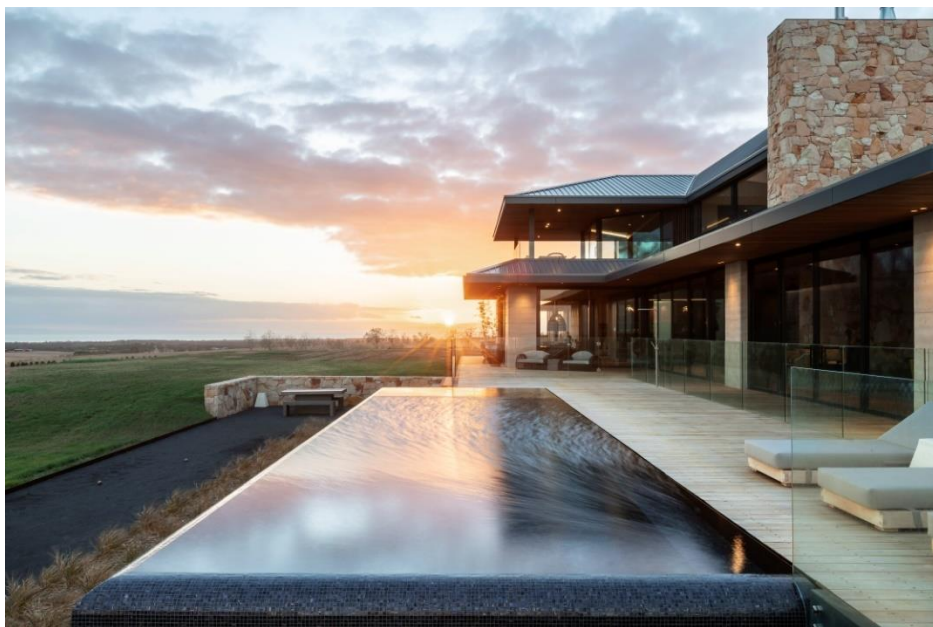
"The Victorian pool and spa association represents a very mature industry which has evolved over the past 60 years to become truly world class. The innovation and sheer 'wow factor' present in Victorian backyards exceeds much of what is celebrated in Europe and America. There's never been a better time to invest in a pool or spa," Mr Samartzis said.

With images of the best pools and spas in Victoria on prominent display around the prestigious Melbourne Room, guests were treated to superb food and entertainment which led to a night enjoyed by all.

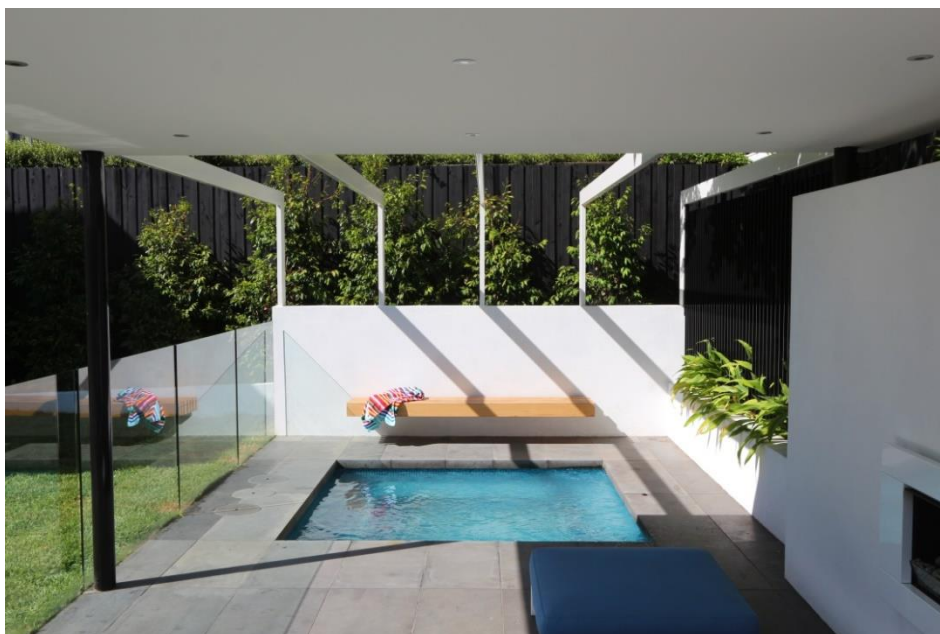
[A full list of award winners can be viewed HERE](#)



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The 2019 Remco Pool of the Year 2019 was awarded to Laguna Pools



The 2019 Spa of the Year Award was awarded to Out From The Blue (OFTB)

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SPASA Victoria 2019 Awards of Excellence Winners

Best Residential Concrete Pool Under \$60,000

Gold Award: Seaspray Pools
Highly Commended: Horizon Pools
Sponsored by AB Phillips

Best Pool Display Centre

Gold Award: Laguna Pools
Sponsored by IEC

Best Residential Concrete Pool Under \$100,000

Gold Award: Out From The Blue
Highly Commended: Laguna Pools
Sponsored by The Pool Tile Company

Best Innovative Pool or Spa

Gold Award: Aqua Dreamz
Highly Commended: Compass Pools Melbourne
Sponsored by Hayward Pool Products

Best Residential Fibreglass Pool Under \$60,000

Gold Award: Horizon Pools
Highly Commended: Compass Pools Melbourne
Sponsored by AB Phillips

Best Residential Fibreglass Pool Over \$60,000

Gold Award: Compass Pools Melbourne
Sponsored by Remco

Best Residential Concrete Spa

Gold Award: Out From The Blue
Highly Commended: Good Soil and Water
Sponsored by Melbourne Pool + Outdoor Design

Best Residential Vinyl-Lined In-Ground Pool

Gold award: Albatross Swimming Pools (Aust)
Sponsored by Cooke Industries

Pool Store of the Year

Gold Award: The Poolstore
Sponsored by Sunbather

Best Water Feature

Gold Award: Domain Pools and Landscapes
Sponsored by Melbourne Pool + Outdoor Design

Best Pool & Spa Service Business

Gold Award: Flowtec Leak Detection
Sponsored by PoolBox

Best Residential Concrete Pool Over \$100,000

Gold Award: Enki Pools
Highly Commended: Laguna Pools
Sponsored by Cooke Industries

Best Commercial Pool

Gold Award: Aloha Pools
Sponsored by Waterco

Best Fibreglass, Acrylic or Vinyl-Lined Pool by a Country Member

Gold Award: Gordon Avenue Pools & Spas
Sponsored by Waterco

Best Residential Courtyard/Plunge Pool

Gold Award: Aloha Pools
Highly Commended: Horizon Pools
Sponsored by Reece Irrigation and Pools

Best Residential Fibreglass, Acrylic or Vinyl-Lined Lap Pool

Gold Award: Compass Pools Melbourne
Sponsored by AB Phillips

Best Residential Concrete Pool and Spa Combination

Gold Award: Laguna Pools
Highly Commended: Horizon Pools
Sponsored by AB Phillips

Best Residential Fibreglass, Acrylic or Vinyl-Lined Pool & Spa Combination

Gold Award: Compass Pools Melbourne
Sponsored by Melbourne Pool & Outdoor Design

Best Residential Enclosed / Indoor Pool

Gold Award: Aloha Pools
Sponsored by Aquatics & Recreation Victoria

SPASA Victoria Water Neutral Pool Program Award

Gold Award: Rainwise Pools Melbourne
Sponsored by SPASA Victoria

Best Landscape Design Under 200sqm Featuring a Pool or Spa

Gold Award: Out From The Blue
Sponsored by Landscaping Victoria



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Best Spa Retailer

Gold Award: Endless Spas
Sponsored by PoolBox

Best Residential Concrete Lap Pool

Gold Award: Icon Pools
Highly Commended: Out From The Blue
Sponsored by Remco

Best Pool and Landscape Combination

Gold Award: 37 South Pools
Sponsored by Reece Irrigation and Pools

Best Paving or Stone Project

Gold Award: Domain Pools and Landscapes
Sponsored by The Pool Tile Company

Best Portable Spa

Gold Award: Endless Spas
Sponsored by: Sunbather

Best Safety Barrier

Gold Award: Tough Glass Worx
Sponsored by Action OHS Consulting

Best Lighting Feature

Gold goes to: Out From The Blue
Sponsored by Action OHS Consulting

Best Residential Concrete Pool by a Country Member

Gold Award: Cookes Pools & Spas
Sponsored by Waterco

Best Residential Pool Renovation Up to \$25,000

Gold Award: 37 South Pools
Sponsored by Hayward Pool Products

Best Residential Pool Renovation Over \$25,000

Gold Award: Neptune Pools
Sponsored by Remco

SPASA Victoria Training High Achiever Award

Winner: Adrian Weinman of PJ Pools and Spas
Sponsored by the Victorian Building Authority

Employee of the Year Award

Joint Winners: All Season Services - Lauren Tessier; and Laguna Pools - Emma Johnson
Sponsored by Victorian Building Authority

Best Automated System or Convenience Product

Gold award: Sunbather - CoolPv
Highly Commended: Pentair - IntelliLevel
Sponsored by SPLASH!

Best Sustainable Pool or Spa Project

Gold award: Laguna Pools
Sponsored by SPLASH!

SPASA Victoria Sustainable Product Award

Gold Award: Pentair – IntelliFlo 2 VSF
Highly Commended: Sunbather – Suntube-2
Sponsored by SPASA Victoria

Industry Achievement Awards:

Sunbather - 45 Years
Albatross Swimming Pools (Aust) - 50 Years
Neptune Swimming Pools - 60 Years



The 2019 Product of the Year

Winner: Sunbather for their CoolPv Product
Sponsored by Reece Irrigation and Pools

The 2019 Spa of the Year

Winner: Out From The Blue
Sponsored by AB Phillips

The 2019 Remco Pool of the Year

Winner: Laguna Pools
Sponsored by Remco